

FishAmerica Announces: \$600,000 Available for Marine and Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration

The FishAmerica Foundation and the NOAA Restoration Center announce the availability of up to \$600,000 for hands-on, grassroots projects across the coastal United States to restore marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, mangrove forests, and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species. The partnership will seek an increased number of projects from the Chesapeake Bay watershed and may provide limited funding for salmon and/or steelhead habitat restoration projects in the Great Lakes basin.

Visit FishAmerica's web site at <http://www.fishamerica.org> for the complete announcement, funding guidelines and application. Please Note: The application for this partnership is new this year.

Community-based nonprofit organizations, such as local sporting clubs and conservation associations, as well as state and local agencies are encouraged to submit proposals. Projects must result in on-the-ground habitat restoration, clearly demonstrate significant benefits to marine, estuarine or anadromous fisheries resources, particularly sportfish, and must involve community participation through an educational or volunteer component tied to the restoration activities. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate the participation of NOAA staff to strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects.

Grant recipients will be contacted prior to receipt of the grant contract to discuss specifics of the contract, matching requirements and reimbursement.

The FishAmerica Foundation must receive applications and required documentation no later than February 25, 2005 by 5:00 PM. Electronic and faxed applications will NOT be accepted. Proposals must be submitted to:

FAF/NOAA RFP - Grant Applications
FishAmerica Foundation
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Alexandria, Virginia 22314